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Dear Ms. Merriman,

CRRHN Health Needs Survey Project

Under the guidance of Dr. Garcia and Ms. Lacasse from the University of Alaska, the CRRHN Health Needs Survey reached local residents mail boxes in March 2010. The surveys were mailed to 2,570 resident households. The survey label system identified the community of origin to aid in assuring that there is limited if any duplicate submissions. UAA Graduate Student, Ms. Jennifer Lacasse has been retrieving the completed surveys from the post office box and entering in the data in the PASW Statistics Grad Pack 18 software package to compile the results.

Dr. Garcia recommended that the survey submission deadline be extended through June 15th, 2010 to allow sufficient time for residents to complete their lengthy surveys. Ms Lacasse and Dr. Garcia presented preliminary data results for discussion at the July 2010 CRRHN Meeting in Gakona. Further information regarding the results will be presented in future reports.

CRRHN Informational Website Project

The website www.crrhn.org has been secured on a year to year basis, through the grant funds provided. The CRRHN coordinator has updated the site and will continue to expand the site over the next year. The website offers readers an update on network activities, links documents produced by the CRRHN in pdf format, as well as links to several other valuable studies. The site also offers readers links to other useful websites and a list of the current CRRHN Participants and their contact information. The site was expanded this quarter to include sample forms that are health related. The CRRHN Coordinator also maintains a Facebook page for the network.

Coordination of the CRRHN and Administrative Services

The coordination and administrative portion of the grant project is on schedule and within budget. The CRRHN coordinator has been successful in coordinating several special and committee meetings and dictating meeting notes for the network from April – June, 2010. During the past quarter a special meeting was held to discuss the 911 Services within the region, the Local Emergency Planning Commission will continue to focus on this issue. The CRRHN elected to sponsor a local health fair annually and bi weekly planning teleconferences were held throughout the quarter. An Elder Care Committee Meeting was held in April where in home care services and assisted living homes were discussed. The CRRHN Coordinator along with Pete Petram, of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium coordinated and held a highly successful Emergency Planning Workshop in Chitina in lieu of the regular CRRHN Meeting in May. The CRRHN Coordinator traveled on family business, while continuing to keep in contact via the telephone and electronically in May. In June 2010 an issue of concern arose between two key participants of the CRRHN. The Coordinator spent an extensive amount of time communicating with all involved parties and assisted in the planning of a joint meeting with a mediator. A successful mediation was held, the Denali Commission Award funds were expended to cover the cost of a mediator. The following was the public statement released after the mediation: *"We met as a group and an open respectful conversation was conducted. We made a plan to move forward, with focus on communication, education and meeting the health needs of all the residents of the Copper River Region."*

CRRHN Activity Summary

April 2010

- CRRHN Elder Care Committee Meeting – April 14, 2010 at Glennallen Chiropractic Center
- Contact with UAA Graduate Student and Supervisory Professor – Survey Project
- Completed Narrative Report for Denali Commission Project
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission Meeting on Behalf of the CRRHN
- CRRHN Special Meeting 911 Service Coverage – April 15, 2010 at Copper River EMS
- CRRHN Emergency Planning Workshop – April 27 & 28, 2010 at Hotel Chitina
- Updated CRRHN Website and CRRHN Facebook Page
- Maintained the Communication Flow for Network Participants through e-mail, Telephone and Personal Contact

May 2010

- Contact with UAA Graduate Student and Supervisory Professor – Survey Project
- CRRHN Health Fair Bi Weekly Planning Meetings Were Held
- Updated CRRHN Website and CRRHN Facebook Page
- Maintained the Communication Flow for Network Participants through e-mail, and Telephone.

June 2010

- CRRHN Health Fair Bi Weekly Planning Meetings Were Held
- Attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission Meeting on Behalf of the CRRHN
- CRRHN Issue of Conflict – Extensive Communication and Mediation Planning Was Conducted
- Contact with UAA Graduate Student and Supervisory Professor – Survey Project
- Updated CRRHN Website and CRRHN Facebook Page
- Maintained the Communication Flow for Network Participants through e-mail, Telephone and Personal Contact

The CRRHN sincerely thanks the Denali Commission for your support of our network. The continued growth and expansion of participants in the CRRHN is a great indicator of how successful our region wide network has become. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kris Winter".

Kris Winter, Coordinator
Copper River Regional Health Network